

HOTA – Program Committee Meeting Minutes – April 17 2018

Attendees: Anita Gupta, Prasad Yalamanchi, Abhaya Asthana, Sri Mukthanand, Ami Patel, Kaushik Joshi, Hansa Dave, Kumar Dave, Swami Parmeshanand, Chandra Reddy, Shama Mehta, Sohini Sircar, Sanjay Tripathi

9:30 PM – 10:00 PM EST

Started with Prayer by Kaushik Joshi

1 min silence for Vijay Reddyji mother and Barbara Bush

Session 1

- 1 speaker missing for Concept & Structure

Session 2

- Shama provided an update on the team work for this session
- They are preparing a list of organization to reach out to with an invitation letter
- Seeking a panel of approx 6 speakers and a moderator
- Program team is asked to shared name of organizations and contact info to the committee

Session 3

- Abhayaji provided update for the following:
 - Ram Vaidya's is seeking contact – *Sindhi* - Shri Lakhubhai Lohana

Session 4

- Abhayaji working with Iskcon head for Uzbekistan
 - Initial contact made 90% confirmed

Session 5

- Abhayaji made contact with Bodhi Vellan Swamy
 - Back up Sri Nandanandan Ji from Detriot Iskcon was recommended by Kumarji
- Abhayaji to contact Shri Balabhadra Dasa
- Ami made email contact Sadhvi Ritambara

Session 6

- Email Call for Submission of Success Stories sent to mailing list
- Please cascade to your networks
- Deadline May 7th 2018

- Survey anonymity is not a concern
- Survey tools to explore
 - Survey Monkey
 - Google
 - Facebook
 - <https://www.sli.do/>
 - We could also use sli.do for audience interaction and moderating questions. Please take a look at this site and for next call think about the possible approaches to effective audience participation and moderation.

Ended with Prayer by Swami Parmeshanand